

Books by Wendelin Van Draanen

| Best for Grades... | Stand-Alone Titles |
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| 6 th up | The Running Dream ~ When Jessica's leg is damaged beyond repair in a bus accident, she thinks her life is over. "A journey of survival and self-discovery.... an amazing story." Teenreads.com Winner of ALA's Schneider Award, state award nominee in 22 states; an Amazon Top 10 book. |
| 5 th up | Runaway ~ 12 year old Holly begins her escape across the country believing the journal her teacher gave her is dumb and useless, but it ends up becoming her lifeline. Journal format with some poetry. |
| 7 th up | Confessions of a Serial Kisser ~ "A poignant view of a teen unmoored by parental separation. The well-drawn family and friendships, along with Evangeline's strong, entertaining first-person voice, will pull plenty of readers, who will root for their heroine as she begins to piece together a grounded, grown-up life." ~ Booklist |
| 6 th – 9 th | Swear to Howdy ~ Described as "Tom Sawyer with consequences," this is a story of story of the power and boundaries of friendship. Outstanding Achievement Award, Parent's Guide. |
| 5 th up | Flipped ~ Told in alternating boy/girl chapters, this is a story about seeing people for who they are, not what they look like. An SLJ "Top 100 Children's Novels for the 21st Century," an IRA/CBC Children's Choice <i>and</i> Teacher's Choice; a NYPL Best Book for Teen Age; Became a Rob Reiner directed WB feature film in 2010. |
| | Shredderman Series — "Bullies beware!" "A 'superhero' who speaks wonderfully to all the underdogs Kids will devour these books." Free cross-curricular teacher support material and activities available at shreddermanbook.com |
| 2 nd – 5 th | Shredderman : Secret Identity ~ Bullies beware! Christopher Award Winner, Disney Magazine Book Award Nominee, Child Magazine "Book of the Year", made into Nickelodeon movie "Shredderman Rules" |
| 2 nd – 5 th | Shredderman : Attack of the Tagger ~ Someone's spraying graffiti and the police don't seem to be able to stop them. In the name of truth and justice, it's Shredderman to the rescue! |
| 2 nd – 5 th | Shredderman : Meet the Gecko ~ A sneaky reporter, a television star, and a new sidekick—word is spreading across the nation about Shredderman. Will Nolan keep his secret identity? |
| 2 nd – 5 th | Shredderman : Enemy Spy ~ The final installment in the Shredderman series. Nolan helps the police break up an international spy ring and gains self confidence, but at what cost? |
| | The Gecko & Sticky — "Fast and funny!" "Kids who want fast and funny (and adults looking for a lively read-aloud) will want to get their sticky fingers on [this series]." Booklist |
| 4 th – 7 th | The Gecko & Sticky: Villain's Lair ~ "A dastardly good read that benefits from its quirky drawings...may well become a can't-wait-for-the-next-one series." ~ Kirkus |
| 4 th – 7 th | The Gecko & Sticky: Greatest Power ~ "Written with gleeful wit, rapid-fire pacing and snappy dialogue." Kirkus, A 2010 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Book |
| 4 th – 7 th | The Gecko & Sticky: Sinister Substitute ~ "Damien Black kidnaps a science teacher, disguises himself as a substitute, and takes charge . Reaching a frenetic level of energy and comedy, Van Draanen's droll narrative is consistently entertaining." ~ Booklist |
| 4 th – 7 th | The Gecko & Sticky: Power Potion ~ <i>Dave & Sticky, the diabolical Damien Black, and the Java Junkie Monkey are back!</i> "My son loves this series. Usually, he likes only non-fiction. I struggled to get him to pick up a chapter book., but now he's hooked! " |

More titles by Wendelin Van Draanen

| Best for Grades... | Sammy Keyes—the “modern-day Nancy Drew” “She’s feisty, fearless, and funny!” <i>Sue Grafton, A is for Alibi, etc.</i> (First 13 titles may be read in any order. Enjoyed by boys, girls, and adults alike.) |
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| 4 th –7 th | Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief ~ <i>Introduces 7th grade super-sleuth Sammy Keyes in a race to catch a thief before he finds her!</i> Winner of the Edgar for Best Juvenile Mystery |
| 4 th –7 th | Sammy Keyes and the Skeleton Man ~ <i>Sammy discovers that the secrets inside a spooky house aren’t as scary as the skeleton man outside.</i> “Mystery sensation of the year” Buffalo News |
| 4 th –7 th | Sammy Keyes and the Sisters of Mercy ~ <i>What do singing nuns in purple Spandex pants, a homeless girl, and an out-of-control motor home have in common? Why Sammy Keyes, of course!</i> CYRM nominee |
| 4 th –7 th | Sammy Keyes and the Runaway Elf ~ <i>A dognapper, a bitter old lady, and a grumpy cop help show Sammy the merits of forgiveness.</i> “The smartest, feistiest, bravest, most endearing 7 th grade sleuth in fiction” ~ Teacher Magazine. |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Curse of Moustache Mary ~ <i>Non-stop action as Sammy tangles with a big pig, an old feud, a treasure of gold, and her archenemy.</i> Edgar award nominee; YALSA Quick Pick title |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Hollywood Mummy ~ <i>Sammy and her best friend hop the bus to Hollywood to tackle the biggest mystery of Sammy’s life...her mother!</i> YALSA Quick Pick title |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Search for Snake Eyes ~ Kirkus: “An explosive combination of high-stakes sleuthing, hilarity, and breathlessly paced action...[you can’t] turn the pages fast enough.” Edgar nominee |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception ~ <i>Who knew art could be so funny...or so dangerous?</i> Edgar nominee; Disney Adventures’ Mystery Book of the Year Winner. |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen ~ <i>Sammy’s mother comes to town to break some very bad news, Heather turns out to be more than just an archenemy, and El Gato (the creepy student at Slammin’ Dave’s Pro Wrestling School) keeps hissing at Sammy to scat. Will Casey’s gift bring Sammy good luck?</i> |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Dead Giveaway ~ <i>This time Sammy’s committed the crime, but everyone thinks Heather’s to blame. Should she confess? Or let her archenemy walk the plank!</i> |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Wild Things ~ <i>Sammy and friends go camping and get lost amidst snakes, scorpions, ticks, wild boars and a high-stakes condor poacher. S’mores, anyone?</i> Edgar nominee. |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Cold Hard Cash ~ “An exceptionally good entry in an already remarkable series.” Starred review, Booklist |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Wedding Crasher ~ <i>Blends mystery, comedy, and a dusting of fairy tale magic as Sammy takes off her high-tops, puts on some party shoes, and steps into a whole lot of trouble.</i> “Another rollicking addition to the series!” ~ Booklist |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Night of Skulls ~ <i>Sammy & friends dress up as zombies for Halloween and before they know it they’re hiding from gravediggers, ghoulish embalmers and shady undertakers.</i> “The action is crisp and smartly plotted ...upbeat, spooky, entertaining, and heartwarming.” ~ Booklist |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Power of Justice Jack ~ <i>In a town with crazy fortune tellers, Elvis impersonators, cockeyed taxidermists, & pro-wrestling nuts, Sammy thought she’d seen it all. Enter Justice Jack.</i> |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Showdown in Sin City ~ <i>Gives the answers we’ve been waiting for: Why is Heather so evil? Who is Sammy’s dad? But after these are revealed the question becomes, Now what?!</i> |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Killer Cruise ~ <i>A classic whodunit on the high seas, where Sammy and her dad find themselves in some seriously shark-infested waters. Secret codes! Clues! Delicious red herrings!</i> |
| 5 th –8 th | Sammy Keyes and the Kiss Goodbye ~ <i>Sammy has always managed to stay one step ahead of the bad guys. Until now. The breathtaking conclusion to this 18-book series.</i> |